

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
November 28, 2012

Jon Ford, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Karen Ellerbrook, Jon Ford, Pam Hicks

Members via teleconference: Trevor Yager

Members absent: Judy Hess, Jeff Kirk

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci, Rex Van Zant

1. **Consent Agenda.** IAC Chair Jon Ford convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. IAC Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of today's agenda and the Executive Committee minutes from the latest meeting on September 14, 2012. IAC Commissioner Trevor Yager seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Yes
Ford	Yes
Yager	Yes

The motion passed.

2. **Financials.** IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2013 IAC budget, current through October 31, 2012. IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci presented a handout ("Special Initiatives for Budget Submission", attached) explaining three "change packages" which have been submitted to the State Budget Agency along with the IAC proposed budget for FY 2014. A change package is a request for additional funding for a specific purpose. The IAC's requests are: 1) \$250,000 for each year of the FY 2014 – 2015 budget cycle, to support arts projects in rural areas of Indiana; 2) \$325,000 for each year of the FY 2014 – 2015 budget to support arts in education activities; 3) \$500,000 for participation in the Indiana Bicentennial effort. Ms. Ellerbrook emphasized the importance of keeping education as a top priority. IAC Marketing and Communications Director Rex Van Zant presented a handout ("Cultural Trust Financial Update", attached) showing the current balance of the Cultural Trust Fund to be \$2,330,005.65. IAC will withdraw about \$12,400 in January 2013 to fund five Arts In Education grants, if approved by the full Commission at its next meeting on December 7.

3. **Commission Issues.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (“Existing and Possible Partnerships”, attached) showing a matrix of topics covered by the IAC strategic plan, with names of Commissioners and staff assigned to each area, forming a small team to monitor that area of the strategic plan. Mr. Ricci plans to convene all of the small groups for a few minutes during the next meeting of the full Commission on December 7. Mr. Ricci announced that a new Commissioner has been appointed by the Governor, and she is Micah Smith from Indianapolis. Her duties will begin in January as she replaces Pam Hicks who is leaving the Commission. The remaining vacancy on the Commission is the chair of Judy Hess, whose second term as Commissioner ended in June 2012. Mr. Ricci offered the thanks of the Commission to Pam Hicks for her years of service.

4. **Partnership/Program Issues.**

A. Cultural District Review Panel Recommendations. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the panel scores from the recent review of applications to become a Statewide Cultural District. Of five applications submitted, two scored highly enough to earn the designation, the City of Columbus and the Town of Nashville. IAC Commissioner Trevor Yager moved to recommend that the full Commission approve the City of Columbus and the Town of Nashville as Statewide Cultural Districts. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Yes
Ford	Yes
Hicks	Yes
Yager	Yes

The motion passed.

B. 20132 Arts in Education Grants. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the results of the recent review of applications for Arts in Education grants. Of eight applications submitted, five scored highly enough to receive funding in this program. Ms. Hicks moved to recommend that the full Commission approve Arts in Education grants for the five top-scoring applicants. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Yes
Ford	Yes
Hicks	Yes
Yager	Yes

The motion passed.

C. Regional Initiative Grants and AOS III Formula Recommendations. Mr. Ricci reported on the latest meeting of the Regional Arts Partner Allocation Review committee. The allocation formula determines the amount of funding that will be given to each Regional Arts Partner for re-granting purposes. The review committee has been primarily concerned with providing parity and consistency among all of the Regions with regard to the amount of grant money given to similar-sized organizations

with similar panel review scores. Also under review is the amount of money each Region will receive in administrative costs. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the proposed changes to Arts Operating Support III (AOS III), Arts Operating Support II (AOS II), Arts Operating Support I (AOS I) and Arts Project Support (APS) grants. The new formula provides strong guidelines for assigning grant amounts based upon the size of the applying organization and the score attained in panel review. The review process is not finished, but is expected to be presented to the full Commission for approval at its March 2013 meeting. Mr. Ricci asked for a formal approval from the Executive Committee to continue the process based on the guidelines presented, with input still to be sought from the field. Ms. Ellerbrook moved to approve the guidelines as presented, pending further input from the Regional Arts Partners and current grantees in each of the categories. Ms. Hicks seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Yes
Ford	Yes
Hicks	Yes
Yager	Yes

The motion passed.

5. Advocacy Issues. Mr. Ricci reminded the Committee that the charge of the former Advocacy & Awareness Committee has been transferred to the Executive Committee. Mr. Ricci would like to form an advisory group to consider advocacy issues and report to the Executive Committee. He proposed that the advisory group consist of three current Commissioners, three former Commissioners, three representatives from the Indiana Coalition for the Arts, and three at-large members. He listed specific people for each category who would be good candidates. Some of them have been contacted, others have not. Further, he would like to designate a sub-set of that group to become the IAC's "transition team" as the State inaugurates a new Governor in January 2013. Ms. Hicks said the plan was well thought out, and Ms. Ellerbrook agreed. The Executive Committee as a whole expressed approval of the concept and the proposed participants. Meetings are being scheduled for the small group to meet with certain arts-friendly legislators prior to the start of the new budget process.

6. Old Business/New Business. Mr. Ford asked if the Indiana Bicentennial Commission is going to have an IAC member; Mr. Ricci replied that the Bicentennial Commission has a full complement, but that IAC expects to be a participant in the events. Mr. Van Zant reported that four communities have indicated interest in hosting the 2013 Governor's Arts Awards. The Executive Committee will be sent copies of the applications to review and determine if the communities should prepare an in-person presentation. The timeline includes selecting the host community at the March 2013 meeting of the full Commission. December 3 is the deadline to nominate candidates to receive the award. A committee will be convened to select the artist who will design the actual award to be presented. Mr. Ford asked about the latest IAC annual report; Mr. Ricci reported that it is in the draft stage, and that IAC staff met with Commissioner Trevor Yager who owns an advertising business, to discuss design ideas for the report.

Mr. Ford asked about current thinking on Ms. Ellerbrook's suggestion that one of the Commissioner responsibilities should be financial support of the Arts Commission. Mr. Ricci suggested that a financial vehicle could be established for Commissioners or others to make contributions, but that the primary goal of the Commission is to manage public funding, and that large private donations would be closely scrutinized.

7. **Adjourn.** Ms. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Yes
Ford	Yes
Hicks	Yes
Yager	Yes

The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.